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TOTAL.....192,888

Average for November, 1906.....3957

Average for November, 1905.....3719

Increase.....238

Personally appeared before me,

this, Dec. 1, 1906, E. J. Paxton, general manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of Nov., 1906, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

PETER PURYEAR, Notary Public.

My commission expires January 22, 1908.

Daily Thought.

"Loose habits blind with tight, strong cords of bondage in the end."

ORATORY IN CONGRESS.

Oratory of the burning sort, promises to resound through the halls of congress when the issue of nationalism is precipitated in one of those unexpected turns of debate, which the most skillful parliamentarians among the floor leaders are often unable to anticipate and forestall. It has been said that the statesmen of today have none of the eloquence of the past.

At once distinguished the national legislature, and this is really the first opportunity the nation has had in decades to ascertain just how hot the fires of speech are smoldering under the smug fronts of our senators and representatives. Tariff and free silver were questions of expediency; but the subject of nationalism vs. state rights, goes to the very core of our system of government. It touches the foundations of our liberties in its ramifications carries us back to the famous contests of Jefferson, Hamilton, Adams, Burr and on down through Clay's time, touching all the incidents of our country's history to the immediate present. Parties were originally founded on this issue, and party policies until recent years have been guided by the inherited attitude of leaders toward some construction of the constitution.

Always under the original Democratic regime, when our affairs were comparatively simple, there was jealous watch kept of the powers of the federal government, and supreme court decisions followed the trend of public sentiment, the justices being men and citizens. Later new contingencies arose, but still old decisions on somewhat parallel cases served as precedents for the legislative and executive departments. Now we are suddenly burst forth as a world power with colonies and a distinct foreign policy, with manufactures and commerce to be protected and enlarged. We are a united nation with common interests as we were never before. The question of nationalism comes to the front again, and this time national pride seems to take precedence for once over state pride. We are Americans.

Democratic leaders in congress, it is understood, will take the first opportunity to precipitate a debate on the subject, hoping thereby to score a point, but we feel they are too sure both of the sentiment of the country and the impregnability of their own position. When they marshal the time-honored tenets of their party, some one may produce the lies of some radical Democratic paper, containing a glowing account of the welcome extended by that party to William Jennings Bryan on his return from Europe, editorial assurances of his leadership of the party and extracts of his speech in which he advocates the government ownership of railroads.

Let the victory perch where it may, the country will have a real grievance against congress, if the best or-

ators are not pitted on this issue before the session adjourns.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, who has sprung into prominence as the defender of John D. Rockefeller, makes another ringing speech against what he denounces as "swollen demagoguery." He asks if it is a crime for a genius to afford employment for 150,000 men, to increase wages and indulge a fancy for philanthropy. "Courts of justice are dragged into subservience to executive authority," he declares, "men being condemned without conviction and told to clear themselves after they are condemned without mercy." This manifestly has no reference to the "immunity bath." But through this dark picture there always gleams this one glad ray of optimism for the seer of Syracuse, and he lifts his voice in praise to Providence that, "We are steadied by the calm confidence and signal ability of the greatest men ever known in the commercial world."

Ah, blessed assurance! And the rest of us—we, too, see the silver lining to the cloud that throws an everlasting shadow over this period of our national existence. Dark though the hour, and ill the prospects, yet not without its compensations is the crisis that brings forth into the light of publicity such a grand figure as that of Chancellor Day.

One of the wisest moves made by the Commercial club was the extension of its relations with similar organizations in other cities. The success of the Commercial club in some respects depends on its usefulness in emergencies, not only to the city but to individuals. By the reciprocity agreement entered into a member of the Paducah Commercial club visiting another city, may carry a card, which serves as a letter of introduction and entitles him to all the courtesies and benefits of the commercial organization in that city. Such credentials put him immediately in touch with the foremost business men of the city and distinguish him as an optimistic, public spirited citizen of his own community. It is a fine thing to go away from home and boast of Paducah, her enterprise and her club, which stands for that enterprise, but the man who does not belong to the club can neither boast of his city nor the club. If he says he does not belong to it, he must leave the impression either that he is not sufficiently interested in his city to join the club, or that the city or the club is not worthy of his support. If he thinks the city is hopelessly retrogressive he should leave. If he is not satisfied with the club he should join and make it what it should be.

The department of commerce and labor seems to give little show for its existence except to provide for an immense army of office holders. The report of Secretary Metcalf, of the department of commerce and labor, shows that the expenditures of the department for the last fiscal year were \$10,508,185, distributed chiefly among 9,500 employees.—Ky. State Journal.

The report of the department of commerce and labor, if the Journal editor's eyes had not been glued to the figures with dollar marks before them, would have shown him that the bureau of statistics, census bureau and other branches of this department, which necessarily employ an army of clerks, supply most valuable information, which is sent out monthly to the press and keeps the public informed on matters that heretofore have been variously guessed at. Naturally such work as falls to this department does not call for expenditures for much else than salaries and stationery. The State Journal likes to see the government buy things with its money.

With the actual holidays nearly a week away already three serious accidents to small boys using toy pistols and powder have happened. The great danger of these wounds from toy pistols is not so much in the extent of the immediate injury as the danger of infection and consequent lockjaw. Numerous instances of cases resulting fatally in this way should be a warning to parents. The police adopt stringent regulations, but policemen have something else to do beside search small boys for weapons, and the youngsters naturally are intelligent enough to hide the pistols when a "copper" is about. Some physicians suggest a fine for the sale of the toys. Certainly the small annual profit accruing to the retail merchant should not be allowed to offset the danger to human life.

Cheap candy, is doomed along with cheap ice cream, because the pure food commission has fixed a standard of glucose to be used and the term chocolate creams no longer may be used in referring to the color instead of the composition of candy. That means that after January manufacturers shall not be permitted to use common varnish for the outside coating of chocolate creams, and cheap filler for the "cream" part. There is probably less harm in high grade candies than in pie and the ordinary dinner desert, but there is race suicide in some of the multi-colored compositions sold for the gratification of an infantile sweet-tooth.

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CITY DEFENDANT
IN NEW TAX SUITAyer-Lord Tie Company Asks
For RefundAmount Claimed to Have Been Paid
on Illegal Assessment Under
Protest.

SUIT DATES BACK TO YEAR 1904

Suit was brought in the circuit court today by the Ayer-Lord Tie company to recover from the city \$606.38 taxes alleged to have been paid under protest September 21, 1904. The original amount was \$577.50 on steamboats assessed at \$35.000. The penalty added to the original tax bill swells the total amount to \$606.38.

The company claimed its home office in Chicago and alleged it paid taxes on the property valuation there. The city treasurer collected the bill with the 10 per cent. penalty added. The company then went into court to decide the validity of the assessment, and the state court decided against it. In the state court of appeals the decision went against the company and an appeal was made to the supreme court of the United States, which decided in favor of the corporation, reversing the lower courts, and returning a mandate here June 21, 1906.

Since that time, the petition states, repeated demands have been made on the city for a refund of the money, and each demand has been repulsed, necessitating the company to go to law to collect the debt.

The suit recalls one of the bitterest fights the city ever figured in. The fight resulted in the Ayer-Lord company removing its home port from Paducah to Evansville.

The Ayer-Lord Tie company represents millions of dollars and runs over half a dozen boats in the Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee and Mississippi rivers and tributaries.

Open Montana Land.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 20.—Telegraphic orders from Washington were received today at various United States land offices throughout Montana which will result in opening for settlement several million acres of land. In connection with the forest reserve proclamations of President Roosevelt, all lands therein had been withdrawn from all form of entry, and in many instances whole counties were involved. Delegations were sent to Washington to protest, with the result that the order has been modified, with the exception of coal lands. The action of the department is received with great glee.

Fight on a Train.

Fulton, Ky., Dec. 20.—In a desperate encounter with seven or eight Italian laborers on the Illinois Central accommodation train to Fulton, Ky., near Woodstock late yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Joe Hill shot Joe Craven, one of the Italians, through the left hip breaking the bone, while he sustained a scalp wound by being struck on the head with a heavy mandolin, wielded by another Italian, Peter Freeman.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT.
Every dose makes you feel better. Lax-Pop keeps your whole insides right. Sold on the money-back plan everywhere. Price 60 cents.

"Not a truth to art or science has been given,
But brows have ached for it, and
souls toiled and striven.
And many have striven, and many
have failed,
And many died, slain by the truth
they assailed."

The Osteopathic science has been assailed as vigorously as ever any new truth that has been offered the world, but, today it is rapidly coming into its own, as the people become better acquainted with it—know it.

Osteopathy is an evolution of the science of treating disease. It went back to the first principles in nature for its foundation, and by taking a step backward it has made a great stride forward.

It is merely a common sense treatment; a method of manipulation to restore the normal conditions of nerve control and blood supply to every organ of the body by removing the physical obstruction, or stimulating, or preventing functional activities, as the condition may require.

The success I have had in Paducah in treating rheumatism, neuralgia, nervousness, malaria conditions, such as the tired-out, run-down feeling, sick, heavy headaches, and stomach disorders are but a repetition of the successes of the science everywhere.

Come to see me at any time, and let me tell you of Paducah people you know well who will vouch to benefits received from the treatment. That's the best recommendation I can give you.

DR. FROAGE, 518 Broadway,
Phone 1407.

ARSON.
Charged Against Proprietor Whose
Hotel Was Mysteriously Burned.

Middletown, O., Dec. 20.—C. N. Powers, proprietor of the Rommel hotel, destroyed by fire yesterday, was arrested on a charge of arson this afternoon. The arrest followed investigation by the authorities today. It is claimed that Powers is too ill to be moved to this city. The coroner is conducting a post mortem on the body of Earl Abertson, found dead in the burned hotel.

NOVIATIVES EXPELLED.

Police Use Physical Force in Making
Them Obey.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Noviates for the priesthood at the Seminary of St. Sulphice together with the directing priest were expelled by the police today. Fifty students, all foreigners, were at the seminary when the police visited the place. They had no place to go and declined to leave except under physical compulsion. The police seized some of the students and then all left peacefully.

BIG JIM WILL REFEREE.

Heavy Weight Champion Accepts Offer
to Officiate.

Tonopah Nev., Dec. 20.—It has been decided that James J. Jeffries shall referee the Gans-Herman fight. The articles of agreement gave the Casino Athletic club the right of selection if the principals cannot agree. Jeffries was offered \$1,000 and expenses to referee and has accepted.

English Education Bill Killed.

London, Dec. 20.—The education bill received its death blow in the house of lords today. Both sides spent the last three days in practically incessant conferences with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found themselves unable to accept the concessions offered by the government.

Little Cypress Wedding.

Yesterday evening at the residence of the bride's father, near Little Cypress, Mr. Burch Barrett and Miss Eniah Story were united in marriage. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bea J. Story, while the groom is a son of Mrs. Alice Barrett and a brother of Mr. Ed Barrett, an employee at the Illinois Central railroad shops.

Hunter Decapitated.

Carmi, Ill., Dec. 20.—While out hunting with companions today Charles Tomas, aged 20, the son of a farmer living west of this city, in climbing a fence accidentally discharged his gun. The shot tore his head from his body. He was hunting rabbits to sell for Christmas.

Ohio Girl's Fate.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—A few charred human bones, all that remained of the body of Millie Dayton, a victim of the fire of April 18, were found in the ruins of a lodging house at 708 Howard street. She was a native of Dayton, Ohio, and was 22 years of age.

Boy Bandits in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Two boy bandits about 13 years old are terrorizing certain sections of the city. Armed with revolvers with handkerchiefs over their faces they have held up and robbed a number of people. Numerous reports are made but the police are unable to locate them.

Washburn in Hoar's Place.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Chas. G. Washburn, Republican, was elected representative in congress today for the third district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rockwood Hoar.

Gold Ship Is Overdue.

Seattle, Dec. 20.—Grave fears are felt for the safety of the big steamer Pennsylvania. She is six days overdue from Valdez, Alaska, with 200 passengers. The ship also carries a half million in gold.

—Before you buy mixed nuts, raisins or candies elsewhere, see Jim Vlahos, 304 Broadway. Best quality, lowest prices.

FIRST TO WEAR
OUT WITH AGESimple Prescription Which
Should Be Valued By
Elderly PeopleRelieves All Forms of Kidney and
Bladder Troubles and Rheu-
matism — Absolutely
Harmless and In-
expensive.

YOU CAN FIX IT AT HOME

All medical authorities are agreed that the blood is the great source of disease or of health in the human system. If the blood is pure, the individual is strong and healthy. If the blood is impure or diseased then there is sickness or decay in the whole system.

Rheumatism is strictly a blood disease. It is caused by excessive uric acid. Sores, pimples, etc., mean bad blood. Catarrhal affections must be treated through the blood to get permanent results. To get well, to feel strong, hearty and vigorous one must have good clean blood and lots of it. You can't clean the blood thoroughly, unless the kidneys are made active. Bad blood means clogged, inactive kidneys and liver which causes, too, such symptoms as headache, nervousness, bladder and urinary difficulties and other sympathetic troubles.

Here is a simple home remedy and the prescription for making it up is as follows:

Fluid Extract Dandelion one-half ounce, Compound Kargon one ounce, Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and again at bedtime. The ingredients can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy at small cost.

Here the readers of this paper have a simple yet powerful and effective remedy for all forms of blood, kidney and bladder diseases which should relieve rheumatism and catarrhal affections and replace that weak, worn-out, indifferent feeling with strength, vigor and health.

This prescription is considered by the best physicians as a fine system renovator and being made of vegetable extracts only is harmless and anyone can mix it at home. Try this anyway before investing in the secret unknown concoctions of the patent medicine manufacturers.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

This editorial answer of The Sun, New York, to a little girl's question has been printed many times in other papers, but we want all the children who read The Circle, yes and their fathers and mothers, too, to know just how such an important question was answered, so here it is:

"We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus promptly, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HAULON.

"115 West 95th street."
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. Ah, minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would

be no child-faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might as well not believe in Christ! You might as well not believe in men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."—The Circle.

Champ's Opinion.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, is good for an interview at any time. A score of correspondents rushed up to him. "What do you think of this message?"

And twenty expectant pencils were poised above twenty voluminous pads. "I haven't read it."

Down went the pencils and pads. "But I'll tell you what I think of it."

Up went the pads. "It's a very long message."

A Correct Reply.

Jack London, the well known novelist, has a great affection for children. In San Francisco there are two twin sisters, little girls of six years, of whom Mr. London is very fond.

On the way to his boat one morning Mr. London met one of the twins. He stopped and shook her hand.

"Good morning, my dear," he said.

"And which of the twins are you?"

The little girl answered gravely:

"I'm the one what's out walkin'."

STEAMER BLOWS UP
ON MISSISSIPPINot Known How Many Lives
Are Lost on W. T. Scoville.Boiler Lets Go as She Rides at the
Wharf at Gold Dust, Near
Vicksburg.

HALF ON BOARD ARE MISSING

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 20.—One of the most disastrous accidents in the history of the Mississippi river occurred today when the steamer W. T. Scoville, plying in the Vicksburg and Davis Bend trade was destroyed by an explosion. Owing to the large number of negroes on board, it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead and injured, but the officers of the boat state that not less than ten or more than sixteen were killed. They say a like number were injured. The dead white men are: Captain John Quackenbush, master of the boat, of Vicksburg; Clerk Wade Quackenbush, of Vicksburg; Lavell Yerger of Jackson; Clerk Joseph Smith, of Yazoo City.

The number of dead and injured negroes cannot be stated at this time, but of the crew and passenger list of 50 about half are missing.

Boat Blown to Atoms.

The accident occurred at Gold Dust landing, 17 miles south of this city. The boat was taking on freight when suddenly the boilers exploded and the boat was blown to atoms. Many of the timbers were thrown hundreds of yards and some of those on board were blown to bits. The boat was so damaged she began to sink immediately.

Lexington in Luck.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20.—Oil and gas were struck on the farm of Theodore Bailey two miles from Lexington on the Newton pike. Oil prospectors are leasing all the land in the vicinity and preparing to drill.

Moquette Bags 36x72 inches, a beautiful present, \$3.50.
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